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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Food Distribution Administration  
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DIRECTOR'S MEMORANDUM NO. 40

Relationship between Agricultural Research Administration  
and Food Distribution Administration

Dr. Auchter, Administrator of the Agricultural Research Administration, has announced as of January 1 the appointment of Dr. Charles G. Woodbury as his special assistant and adviser. In announcing the appointment, it was stated:

"In his new post, Dr. Woodbury will be called on to contribute his long experience in the scientific aspects of food production, processing, and use to the solution of many research problems connected with Secretary Wickard's responsibilities as Food Administrator. Under Dr. Auchter's general direction, he will have authority to develop and put into operation throughout the Research Administration broad research programs necessitated by food rationing, increased demands for certain foods, and the need for substitutes and new kinds of food products in the United States."

I want to take this occasion to discuss one or two points with respect to our relationship with the ARA. Before issuing it, I have submitted this memo to Dr. Auchter for approval so that our relationships will be clear.

The Food Distribution Administration is not engaged in research on food of the type which is the responsibility of the ARA and will not develop facilities along this line. We will call upon the Agricultural Research Administration formally through Dr. Auchter, or informally through Dr. Woodbury or such persons as he may designate, for any research which we may need. We should avail ourselves to the utmost of the ARA research facilities on a very large scale, for it will supply us, wherever possible, with service within the limits of its resources. We must use the best scientific information available in our work at all times. We need to formalize our requests for such research assistance whenever possible so that the record is clear as to what we ask for, and then if difficulties develop, I can bring the matter to the attention of Dr. Auchter or Dr. Woodbury promptly. We must always be prepared to revise our standards in the line of the most recent scientific findings, and this necessitates a close relationship with the ARA.

Ray F. Hendrickson

Director

